

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of Members will be held on SATURDAY, the 13th October, 1917, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the Office of the Hongkong Jockey Club, on the ground floor of the Newmarket Club Annex, Chester Road.

By Order, T. F. HUGHES, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, Sept. 28, 1917. 2147

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(From One of our Correspondents.)

EDINBURGH, Aug. 15. ATHLETICS.

The principal event at the Celtic Sports in Glasgow was the 100 yards invitation sprint, won by Captain H.M. Macintosh, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the old Scottish Amateur Champion, in 10.2.5 sec. He ran really well, when it is remembered that military life interferes with training and the elasticity of the muscles. A.R. Bullini, who is in the Consular service of the Argentine in Glasgow, carried off double honours, the open 100 and the furlong. Lance-Corporal Fox, A.S.C., won the half-mile with a powerful finish from G.S. Summers, Bellahouston Harriers. In the mile Fox seemed to delay his effort too long and came in third, but only a yard covered the distance between the placed men.

One of the side items in the programme manifested struck the imagination of the crowd. This was the rendering by the combined pipe and brass bands of the 3rd Royal Scots Fusiliers of Stevenson's "Skys Boat Song." It is a slow time air, and as the bands marched slowly round the track silence fell upon everyone; but when a quick time march was struck up there was a storm of cheering. It was an outburst that would have delighted the heart of "R.L.S."

NESTLE AND ANGLO-SWISS MILK.

The report of Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co. for 1916 states that various circumstances have prompted the company to entirely dispose of the interests which it still held in Germany and in Austria. On the other hand, the company has increased its participations in existing enterprises in France, England, Sweden, and South Africa. The share capital was increased in 1916 by the issue of 50,000 new shares at Frs. 400 par value. The new shares enjoyed a dividend equal of half that declared on the old shares. The securities held have also been increased by exercising the right of subscription to the new issue of shares made by Peter Cailler-Kohler's Swiss Chocolate Company. The profit and loss account shows the net profit amounted to Frs. 17,500,000, which, with Frs. 63,423 brought forward makes Frs. 17,563,423. The directors propose dividends of 5 per cent on the old and new shares (the latter for the half year), to place to the statutory reserve fund Frs. 1,500,000, special reserve fund Frs. 2,000,000, pension fund Frs. 500,000, fund for widows and orphans on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the company Frs. 200,000, donations to the International Red Cross Society, and to various charitable institutions Frs. 400,000, and payments of dividends of Frs. 2,000,000 share Frs. 7,500,000 per new share Frs. 10,000,000, and to carry forward Frs. 1,111,111.

THE HUMOURS OF BUSES.

Lady Violet Grey writes: Democracy has come into its own. We are all equal now, and we travel in buses. We stand at the corners of streets, with the summer breezes blowing through our skirts or the rain pattering down on our best hat, and wildly wave and hail buses that will not stop.

To the student of human nature bus fare offers a rich field of observation. Aristocracy may be depicted, but occasionally the bully remains, and has his fling. The conductor who reviled two ladies as bloated plutocrats for offering him a silver sixpence instead of coppers, and another who to the poor hot and panting old woman curtly replied, "Run!—we see people run here and run there, but we pay no attention. You must shout if you want us to stop," were the natural results of bullies being pressed in a little brief authority. But happily such cases are rare to-day, albeit the modern bus conductor possesses none of the healthy touch of humour of the old horse bus driver, though the taxi driver who suggested he might take me for sixpence instead of giving me change must have had a touch of humour in his composition. And the bus conductor who to the reproaches of an old lady that she had waited a long time, replied, "You'll wait longer next time. 'Tisn't this bus will soon only run once a year," must also have seen the fun of the situation.

VARIETY IN TRAVELLING.

The inmates of buses have changed too. All classes travel side by side, the perspiring flower girl, with her heavy basket of roses, the charwoman clutching her money purchase of fish, the daintily dressed lady going out to dinner, and the labourer in his grimy working clothes, all rub shoulders together. This misunderstanding often occurs, as when a sympathetic lady sitting next a snuffing woman with a cold kindly inquired if she had a handkerchief. "Yes, I have," she said, curtly, "but I don't lend it."

"Manners," as a passenger contemptuously observed. "Manners! What do we want with them; we must just push. And push they do, in the wild hustle to plunge into the bus. But in spite of that we are a cheery crew, thankful even to strap-hand in a bus-rook with hot humanity on a summer's day, and to get conveyed somewhere, somehow, even if not always in the right direction."

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HIGH FINANCE AND PEACE.

SECRET CONFERENCE IN SWITZERLAND.

The "New Europe" draws attention to another "peace plot." This time it is high finance that is at work, with a certain amount of Roman Catholic support. The "New Europe" heads its note, "The Unholy Alliance of Finance," and says:—

"We learn from an unimpeachable source that the secret conference of international financiers which recently took place in Switzerland, and at which French, British and German representatives were present, was inspired by somewhat different motives from those which the initiated ascribed to it at the time."

"Acting purely in the interest of the great capitalists of all countries, it aimed above all at an immediate peace such as would arrest the growth of International socialism, and the rising tide of revolution throughout Europe. It sought to forestall the holding of the Stockholm Conference by a direct arrangement between the belligerents, in which national claims would be entirely subordinated to considerations of world-wide finance."

"The unconscious purposes of this movement are to be found in many opposite camps—among sentimental pacifists and honest doctrinaire Maximalists, among the numerous agents of Budapest and Sofia, who swarm on Swiss soil, and among the inveterate Austrophiles and Bulgaphiles of the Entente. Some of those who are personally interested in Turkish credit stand close behind the scenes."

THE STRUGGLE IN FLANDERS.

GERMAN PAPER'S COMMENT.

London, Aug. 9.—A significant comment upon the activity in Flanders is made by the *Koelha-Zeitung*, which says: "A base in Flanders would enable England to annihilate, with her air squadrons, the whole of our industrial basin and to drive Germany completely from the sea. German industry would be at her mercy. We must hold out positions between the sea and the Ley, or we shall lose the war entirely. The fate of Germany is now being decided in Flanders."

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The China Mail

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Hongkong, Oct. 11, 1917. 2187

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THE CALENDAR

MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.

9.15 p.m.—The Fantastics at the Theatre Royal.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Anniversary of the Birthday of Confucius.

9.15 p.m.—The Fantastics at the Theatre Royal.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, Oct. 13.—

10.45 a.m.—Auction of Miscellaneous Goods (Dress Materials, Boots and Shoes, etc.) at Messrs. Hughes and Hughes.

Noon.—Hongkong Jockey Club's Half-yearly Meeting.

2 p.m.—St. John Ambulance Brigade Aquatic Sports at V.I.C.

Monday, Oct. 15.—

6.15 p.m.—Meeting in connection with the Dog and Cat Show.

Tuesday, Oct. 16.—

10.45 a.m.—New Moon.

Wednesday, Oct. 17.—

Mohammedan New Year's Day.

Thursday, Oct. 18.—

"OUR DAY."

Friday, Oct. 19.—

11.30 a.m.—China Light and Power Co's Meeting.

Sunday, Oct. 21.—

Tables Day (1895).

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

The same programme presented by the Fantastics yesterday will be given again to-night. To-morrow there will be an entirely different entertainment.

It is expected in Manila that the Philippine subscriptions to the Second American Liberty Loan will exceed the P3,000,000 mark reached in the case of the first loan. In two days over a million had been subscribed.

Major Morgan has kindly consented to present the prizes in connection with the aquatic sports at the V.R.C. on Saturday, in connection with the St. John Ambulance Brigade. The Orchestra of the Middlesex Regt. will be in attendance.

Captain C. R. Stewart has seen 23 years service with the Pacific Mail Steamship company, both on the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans, and is to have command of the *Princess Alice* (the ex-German liner) when she leaves the Philippines for the United States.

Now that, according to a Post Office announcement to-day, a ferry boat running between Pakow and Nanjing has been sunk, perhaps it will be made somebody's duty to regulate that traffic. We do not know what was the cause of the sinking, but we should not be surprised to learn that it was due to the overcrowding of the ferry.

DEATH OF MR. G. S. YUILL OF SYDNEY.

News has been received in the Colony that Mr. G. S. Yuill, senior partner of Messrs. G. S. Yuill & Co., of Sydney, died on the 10th instant. Mr. Yuill for over 30 years had been associated with large business enterprises in Australia connected with Stock Farming, Cold Storage, Coal Mining, and Shipping. It was partly in connection with the Cold Storage business that his Company acquired the two steamers "Changsha" and "Taiyuan" from the China Navigation Co., which vessels still trade between Australia and Hongkong. Before he entered into business in Australia Mr. Yuill was with Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, and in 1878 was in charge of the Hongkong Branch.

The Hong flag of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire was at half mast to-day.

MAIL BADLY DAMAGED BY WATER.

The Post Office informs us that the mail dispatched from London via Siberia to Hongkong on August 23rd, 1917, was received to-day badly damaged by water. This was caused by the sinking of the ferry-boat by which the mail was being conveyed from Fukow to Nanjing.

"OUR DAY."

LADY MAY ROSE FUND.

Subscriptions already acknowledged.

Anonymous	100
Rev. F. L. Robert	50
A. Nicholson	30
Mrs. Joseph Gould	25
Mr. J. T. Titcher	25
Mr. E. Irving	20
Total	240

OVERSEAS AEROPLANES.

Already one hundred war aeroplanes have been presented to the Royal Flying Corps through the instrumentality of the Overseas Club, General Buildings, Aldwych, W.C.2, and its members and friends in all parts of the world. To mark the completion of the third year of the war, a cheque for £23,500 was handed to Lieutenant-General Sir David Henderson, K.C.B., D.S.O., Director-General of Military Aeronautics, on 3rd August. This represents eight additional machines including—No. 102—"Shanghai Race" (Olib No. 4, per Mr. H. H. Race); No. 103—"Hongkong No. 7," given by Mr. A. L. Lowe, per Mr. J. J. Bryan; and No. 104—"Hongkong No. 8," per Mr. J. J. Bryan. On Empire Day the Club presented two aeroplanes to the Royal Flying Corps, and the money for these eight machines has been received during the ensuing eight weeks so that practically the Overseas Club and its members are over a million a year towards the equipment of the Royal Flying Corps, and have made a good start towards their second hundred machines.

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There is nothing so good for muscular rheumatism, sprains, and other ailments of the muscles, tendons, and joints as Chamberlain's Pain-Balm. It will affect a cure in less than ten minutes, and its use is recommended by all Chemists and Druggists.

THE FLOODS IN THE NORTH

TERRIBLE TALE OF DEVASTATION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SHANGHAI, Oct. 10.

The floods have converted streams into rivers two miles wide and forty feet deep, have breached the Peking-Hankow railway in six hundred places, broken down the banks of the Grand Canal, flooded the Tientsin concessions, and burst the banks of the Yellow River.

The floods extend 300 miles from the north-western borders of Shantung towards Tientsin, and are bounded by the Peking-Railway and Tientsin-Tsinanfu railways.

The water will take months to drain off and there is a probability of Tientsin being flooded annually in consequence of the flow of water established.

THE MAGISTRACY.

LARCENY OF RAILINGS

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Wood this morning with attempted larceny of railings of the Government Civil Hospital just opposite Sisters' Quarters in Hight Street.

Inspector O'Sullivan stated that they had no evidence to show defendant was trying to steal the railing. He was only seen shaking the railing when arrested. There had been previous thefts and in all there had been 26 rails stolen during last month.

Defendant admitted having stolen a rail on the 1st inst. and for this offence he was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

"DOCTORED" AND ROBBED.

An unemployed Chinese was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with the larceny of one pair of gold bangles valued at \$196 from a Chinese woman at Holland Street.

Complainant stated that on the 7th of May 1915 defendant came to see her. She was suffering from stomach troubles then and defendant gave her some medicine which he stated would cure her. The effect, however, was to make her unconscious, and when she recovered consciousness later, the defendant had disappeared as well as her gold bangles. Matters rested thus for two years. Last night, however, a friend of hers saw the defendant in the streets and remembering the theft seized defendant and handed him to a police man.

Defendant pleaded not guilty and told His Worship a tale of a conspiracy between him and complainant's friend to rob complainant.

His Worship unable to believe defendant, but remanded the case ordering further inquiries to be instituted.

LOVE AND SUICIDE.

Broken-hearted over the faithlessness of his concubine a Chinese tried to commit suicide by drowning yesterday. Cookies who happened to be on Blake Pier rescued him and when charged at the magistracy this morning defendant stated he had lost his sweet-heart and did not care to go back home without her.

His Worship (Mr. Dyer Ball) told defendant not to do it again, and bound him over in a personal bond of \$100 to be of good behaviour for the next six months.

THE CHARGE AGAINST A DAIRY FARM EMPLOYEE.

The case was resumed this morning in which a Chinese Clerk-in-charge of the Peak Branch of the Dairy Farm was charged with larceny of 10 lbs. butter. Defendant pleaded not guilty and was defended by Mr. Haywood.

A Chinese constable deposed that on information received he stopped defendant as he was coming down the Battery Path with a parcel containing butter carried under his apron. Defendant told him he was taking it to a man in a compradore shop. He accompanied defendant but when they reached the shop, the man was not there. He accordingly arrested defendant.

Questioned by Mr. Haywood defendant said he received no report from the Dairy Farm about loss of butter.

Mr. Jackson of the Dairy Farm Co. gave evidence to the effect that defendant had been in the Company's employ for six years and had been in sole charge of their Peak Branch. Defendant had always borne a good character and his book was all right. Their stock at the Peak had to be checked every evening and discrepancies were sure to be found out if there were irregularities in the accounts. His Worship discharged the defendant.

"THE FANTASTICS" AT THE THEATRE.

OPENING PERFORMANCE LAST NIGHT.

Mr. Frederic Shipman's company of entertainers known as "The Fantastics" gave their opening performance in the Theatre Royal last night. All the members of the Company are good in their respective spheres and they combine to provide a very varied and enjoyable entertainment. The programme opened with a pleasing selection by a small orchestra conducted by Nellie Black, Bert Wyles, "The Ragtime Nymphs" following with an astonishing exhibition of skill with the little mallets on the parallel wooden bars of the xylophone. Hilda Feistead, "the Musical Monologist," delighted the audience with three songs. "Oh, the Waltz," "I've been so very busy knitting," and "Old Chap," the latter being especially captivating, and in response to an enthusiastic encore the artist recited a nursery rhyme after the manner of a Scotsman, a curate and a cockney, hitting off their peculiarities of speech with a success which created much laughter. Altogether her contributions to the programme made her one of the chief favourites of the evening. Some clever eccentric dancing by Ivy Aldous and Fred Keeley came next. Keeley in the "Inebriate Dance" was especially great. Elsie Black, "the Musical Maid," showed herself to be an accomplished pianist and piccolo player to whom it was a pleasure to listen. After her came Miss Billie Seaton, the American comedienne, assisted by Ray Traynor at the piano. Miss Seaton's joyous personality appealed to the audience and her songs had a charm and humour which made their own appeal. Her greatest hit was in the character of a small child singing "They'll all be sorry they picked on me." Ray Traynor is remarkable at the piano, and in the second part of the programme, in which he was a number all to himself, his gymnastics on the instrument were as amusing as they were astonishing. The second part of the programme also included "Musical Moments" by Nellie Black and Fern French who sang with pleasing effect two of three duets; comic songs by Leohard Nelson, described on the programme as "Just a plain comedian," but nevertheless a very excellent one; and a most amusing turn by "Redhead" Wilson, "the athletic harmonist."

Each artist was cordially applauded and encores were the rule rather than the exception.

PORTUGUESE SOLDIERS' TOBACCO FUND.

The following is a list of funds realised from sale of flags on behalf of the Portuguese Soldiers' Tobacco Fund—

Collected by—

Miss Annie da Silva	8	41.50
Angela da Luz	78.51	
Cecilia Franco	134.00	
Allice Carvalho	15.20	
Lina dos Remedios	27.70	
Angela dos Remedios	38.00	
Paula Lawrence	106.75	
Total		290.66

Collected by—

Messrs. Frank Jorge and Brago da Rocha	62.30
Mr. A. F. Silva Netto	29.20
Leo Almeida Castro	10.40
A. A. Guterres	5.00
P. P. de Eça	5.00
E. J. Noronha	5.00
J. M. O. Basto	5.00
B. Basto	5.00
J. M. L. S. Rozario	5.00
V. B. de Souza	5.00
V. M. de Souza	5.00
Arthur de Carvalho	10.00
Mr. Braz Buzelho	10.00
Podro Botelho	10.00
J. H. Botelho	10.00
E. C. Jenkins	10.00
Eldon Potter	10.00
A. Bryson	5.00
S. E. Green	5.00
S. E. Hodges	5.00
W. J. Carroll	5.00
Chas. P. Leamont	5.00
J. D. F. Malder	5.00
E. V. M. R. de Souza	25.00
Total	290.66

Donations—

Mr. R. M. Dyer	20.00
Mr. W. Graham	5.00
Pedro Fruto	5.00
P. M. E. Graça	2.00
H. M. Campos	2.00
J. M. da Costa	3.00
J. L. de Souza	5.00
Grupo "Açúcar Silva"	5.00
Mr. J. F. Eça da Silva	2.00
J. Arnold	10.00
A. P. Hough	10.00
G. W. Goss	5.00
W. de Figueiredo	5.00
V. M. R. de Souza	5.00
(Consul for Portugal)	25.00
Messrs. Botelho Bros.	150.00
Messrs. de Souza & Co.	25.00
Total	290.66

THE HARBOUR SWIMMING RACE.

FINCH'S THIRD WIN.

There was a very large attendance at the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday afternoon to watch the swimming race across the harbour. The start was from the piers wall at Kowloon, near the ferry wharf, and the finish the piers wall between the V.R.C. bath and B.C. S. pier; the distance being close on a mile.

A good race resulted, Finch winning fairly easily from Choa. This was Finch's third win in succession.

There were ten competitors: J. C. Finch, A. V. Barros, G. A. V. Hall, C. Choa, J. Adams, S. A. Maral, R. E. Lea, Corporal White, R. E. Second-Corpl. Jackson, R. E. and Br. Watson, R. G. A.

The finish was in the following order—

J. C. Finch	25 min. 36 sec.
C. Choa	27 " 42 "
R. E. Lea	28 " 53 "
A. V. Barros	29 " 21 "
Corpl. White	29 " 44 "
S. A. Maral	
Br. Watson	
J. Adams	
2nd-Corpl. Jackson	
G. A. V. Hall	

Four prizes were presented.—The first, \$100 in Straits Settlements 6 per cent. war loan, and second, a cup; both presented by Mr. Clifford Edgcombe. There was also a third prize, a cup, and a special prize, a silver cigarette case, for the first Service man in, presented by Mr. W. Logan.

The race was originated by the "China Mail" in 1906 and maintained every year up to the outbreak of the War. Recently the V.R.C. has taken it up. Previous winners were—

1906. Gunner R. Brotherton, R.G.A.	27.42 4/5
1907. A. E. Thomas, H.M.S. "Tamar"	28.50 4/5
1908. A. E. Thomas, H.M.S. "Tamar"	26 " 26
1909. C. J. Cooke, Hongkong	26.58 2/5
1910. T. Logan, Hongkong	26.58 2/5
1911. T. Logan, Hongkong	33.16 2/5
1912. Br. Nutty, R.G.A.	24.08 2/5
1913. J. C. Finch	22.26
1914. No race	
1915. No race	
1916. J. C. Finch	23.24

Before Mrs. Wilson, a sister of the hard working Hon. Secretary of the V. R. C.—Mr. C. W. Mitchell—who was responsible for the success of the day, presented the prizes. Mr. W. Logan gave a short history of the race. It was promoted, he said, in 1916 by the "China Mail" who presented prizes every year until 1913. Then came the war and the race was abandoned for two years. It was revived in 1916 and Mr. Finch, who had won it in 1913, had also won it during the last two years. To win the race was to win the blue ribbon of swimming in Hongkong. No man, unless he had tried to swim the harbour could speak of the hardships, or of the endurance and the training required. There was one other point he would like to mention. The amateur status in Hongkong during war time could not be regarded in the same light as it was in pre-war days. In the old days it would not have been possible for an amateur to compete with a soldier who received money prizes and retain his amateur status. These laws, however, as the Amateur Swimming Association would inform them, were practically non-existent during war time. Now, if amateurs competed with soldiers who received money prizes their status was not affected at all.

Three cheers and a tiger were then given for Mrs. Wilson and the ceremony terminated.

ST. QUENTIN CATHEDRAL IN FLAMES.

GERMAN VANDALISM SUSPECTED.

Last night flames were seen to break out from the roof of the Cathedral, or more strictly speaking the Collegiate Church of Saint Quentin, wrote Mr. H. Warner Allen on August 16. The blaze continued throughout the night, and this morning the whole roof with its cupola and small spire, had collapsed and disappeared. One of the end-towers seems to have lost its top, and bursts of smoke are still breaking out from the west end so that the fire is still proceeding in the interior. At present it is impossible to say whether this destruction, which has turned the great pile that overlooked the whole of the surrounding country into a ruin, is the result of an accident or is just one more instance of German vandalism. One thing is certain, and that is that it was not caused by our shells, for not a single projectile has been fired near it. To-day scarcely a gunshot was to be heard, while the sun shone brightly on the ragged outline of the walls. From Prince Eitel Friedrich's hunting box the fire could be clearly watched, and it was a tragic sight that might well have pleased the savages who have ruined Belgium. Far away on the horizon one could discern the towers of the Leon Cathedral, itself, too, in jeopardy from German barbarity.

CHILDREN'S COLDS.

When the children catch their little colds in such a distressing manner, which you can not easily cure, there is a little medicine called Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which will cure them.

HONGKONG'S BUDGET.

A SATISFACTORY SHOWING.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council H.E. the Governor made his Annual Budget statement. The statement was a very lengthy one and it is possible for us to give to-day only its opening paragraphs.

It gives me much pleasure to be able to lay before you an even more satisfactory financial statement than I did last year. Last October I informed you that it was estimated that at the end of the year 1916 the balance of assets over liabilities would be \$1,008,848, but the actual balance amounted to \$2,800,785 or a sum of \$1,791,937 more than was anticipated. The revenue receipts up to the 30th June this year were \$385,550 in excess of expenditure and it is estimated that the balance of assets over liabilities on the 31st December next will amount to \$2,867,945. I should, however, point out that no payment has yet been made to the Commonwealth Government in respect of the evacuation of buildings for, and the maintenance of, the prisoners of war and interned enemy subjects who were sent to Australia in January last year, and on subsequent dates. A statement of the amount due has been promised and payment may be made before the end of the year.

It is estimated that the revenue for this year will amount to \$14,257,830 or \$1,015,330 more than the original estimate. Of this increase a sum of \$302,500 is due to the special war rate and will be paid to the Imperial Government. The balance is largely made up of \$250,000 from the Opium Monopoly and \$100,000 from Tobacco Duties. It is satisfactory to find that the yield from this new source of revenue is so much larger than was expected. The expenditure for this year, which was originally estimated at \$12,425,018 is now expected to exceed that sum by \$1,255,152. There have been savings in practically all departments, and the excess is due to the gift of \$2,000,000 made by the Colony to the Imperial Government for war purposes. A sum of \$51,218 under the head "Military Expenditure" is due to the arrears of military contribution for 1916 being paid this year.

ESTIMATES FOR 1918.

The estimated revenue for 1918 is \$14,753,500 being \$1,521,500 in excess of the approved estimate for 1916, and \$506,280 in excess of the revised figure for the current year. This estimate includes a sum of \$1,007,000 from the special war rate, and as the revised estimate for this year includes a sum of \$502,500 from the same source, the estimated revenue for next year is almost exactly the same as the revised estimate for this year.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE FLANDERS BATTLE

A COSTLY ENEMY SUCCESS.

LONDON, Oct. 10. Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We repulsed several counter-attacks, yesterday evening, in the neighbourhood of the Ypres-Staden railway. The enemy forced back our advanced troops a short distance, on a front of 2,000 yards, to the south of the railway. We repulsed counter-attacks, with enemy loss, to the north-east of Broodseinde and carried out a raid to the south of the Scarpe.

There is heavy rain.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing today, states:—

There was heavy fighting on the new battle front, yesterday afternoon and evening. Our withdrawal, to the south of Ypres-Staden railway was due to repeated counter-attacks exhausted troops, and concealed machine-gun fire, which at some spots was intense.

The enemy threw in his reserves in massed formation again and again, and these were beaten back by our artillery, rifle and machine-gun fire. What success was gained by the enemy was most costly.

Despite the state of the ground, we are getting our guns forward, while there is reason to believe that the enemy is moving some of his batteries back.

The prisoners state there is much disorganisation in the German rear. It is again raining heavily, however, we have the consolation that while we are nearly everywhere on the highest ground of the ridge, the enemy is mostly down in the swampy country.

FRENCH ADVANCE EXTENDING.

LONDON, Oct. 10. A French communiqué states:—In Belgium we are extending our advance to the east of Drabank. We captured Papoeged farm, taking 40 prisoners.

The German artillery was peculiarly active in the region of Laffaux and to the north of the Aisne.

INTERESTING POINTS OF THE BATTLE.

LONDON, Oct. 10. Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing today, says that two interesting points emerge from the latest battle in Flanders. First the enemy system of *enfilade* proved a failure, and second, the substitution of prepared lines of shell craters for battered trench lines was almost valueless, because after the heavy shelling the craters were little good as shelters. The prisoners admit that the Higher Command realise that during heavy fire the men cannot be trusted to hold them. The officers, meanwhile, in pill-boxes or similar shelters, were unable to exercise effective control or even to know what the men in the craters were doing; hence, at the moment of attack, the men were either not at their posts or were in a frame of mind which makes surrender a wiser course than fighting.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Oct. 10. A German official message states:—Yesterday morning's attacks were the prelude to a battle on a 20-kilometre front, between Broodseinde and Gheluvelt, lasting far into the night. The enemy's repeatedly reinforced troops assaulted six times, at some points.

The enemy captured 1,500 metres of ground in the neighbourhood of Drabank, Mangelaere, Veldhoek and Polescapelle. We firmly held the lines at Polescapelle, to the south of Gheluvelt.

PORTUGAL'S PRESIDENT VISITS FRANCE.

SAN SEBASTIAN, Oct. 10. The President of Portugal (who was reported yesterday as having gone to Spain) has now gone to France.

AN UNFORTUNATE OCCURRENCE.

AMERICAN PATROL BOAT FIRES ON ITALIAN SUBMARINE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10. Mr. Daniels, Secretary to the Navy, announces that an American patrol boat at night-time fired on an Italian submarine which had fired to answer the signals killing an officer and a man. Mr. Daniels has expressed regret for the unfortunate occurrence.

THE TACTICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

WHAT IS THOUGHT IN GERMANY.

LONDON, Oct. 10. The first tactical developments in the Flanders fighting are most interesting.

The struggle shifted, yesterday, from south to north in movement, and was apparently directed to envelop the Houthulst forest and thus remove the menace on the northern face the salient which Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig is pushing on towards Roulers. It was the threat from Houthulst to Sir Douglas Haig's left flank, in October 1914, that caused him then to retreat to the line from Langemark to Zonnebeke. The tables are now turned and the Germans recognise the momentousness of the issue.

The Leipzig *Neue Nachrichten* says that if the British break through, the whole Western Front would give way and the French attacks on the Verdun front might have incalculable consequences.

Experts in London point out that a break through is not necessarily a part of the Allies' immediate plans, as more fruitful results accrue from the continuance of the present policy of a swift succession of blows on the same front, each driving the salient wider and deeper into German lines.

From the accounts of various correspondents it is evident that yesterday's attack was really a great adjustment of the battle front where two advances were simultaneously accomplished with a fragment of the stationary line between.

The larger operation was on the left with the village of Polescapelle as the centre, while on the right, the somewhat erratic line was straightened.

The objective, at its deepest point, did not exceed an advance of 1,200 to 1,500 yards and everything aimed at was secured.

The conditions of extraordinarily difficulty and discouragement seemed to make no difference, and the blow was struck as surely as the previous blows, though some of the troops had marched for twelve hours before going into battle, but they then fought like lions.

A remarkable feature was the admirable contact maintained throughout by the British and French troops. The latter had an extraordinarily difficult task operating practically on a continuous marsh.

The Germans at many points reverted to the use of machine guns in trees, evidently mistaking the pill boxes, but the British machine guns multiplied as those of the enemy were silenced, and the British supporting guns, of all calibres, moved steadily forward maintaining an uninterrupted fire.

The mud on the battlefield was everywhere studded with German bodies, the victims of the last battle. Never before have the British encountered so many enemy dead, which tells a story of their headlong flight.

AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 10. The formation of the new Cabinet has entailed the dissolution of the Council of Five, created to deal with the Korniloff trouble.

M. Karsensky, General Verkhovsky, Admiral Verjovsky and M. Tereshchenko have gone to Headquarters to confer with the Allied attaches.

AN INTER-ALLIED CONFERENCE.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 10. A special mission is going to Paris to attend the Inter-Allied Conference.

THE FOOD QUESTION IN CANADA.

MONTREAL, Oct. 10. Lord Northcliffe, speaking at the Canadian Club, said unless the Food question is taken up in Canada with vigour equal to that in Great Britain, the rations of the soldiers at the front must be cut down.

STORIES ABOUT THE RAIDER "SEADLER."

SYDNEY, Oct. 10. The "Seadler" left Germany disguised as a Norwegian timber ship. The crew claim to have sunk eight million pounds' sterling worth of shipping.

The "Seadler" was cleaning at Mopani Island when a tidal wave buried her in the sand.

DEATH OF THE SULTAN OF EGYPT.

LONDON, Oct. 10. The death of the Sultan of Egypt is announced in the London newspapers. Prince Ahmed Fawzi will succeed him.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE NEW ATTACK.

BRITISH GAIN NEARLY ALL OBJECTIVES.

LONDON, Oct. 10.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—The continuous and heavy rain yesterday afternoon and evening made the ground sodden and very difficult for the passage of the troops.

Notwithstanding the stormy weather and waterlogged ground, we launched an attack in conjunction with the French, with very successful results.

The attack extended from south-eastward of Broodseinde to Saint-Jansbeek which is a mile to the north-eastward of Broodseinde.

The Australians, on the extreme right, advanced over the crest of the ridge to the eastward and north-eastward of Broodseinde and secured all their objectives.

The third line Territorial Division on the right centre, comprising the Manchester, East Lancashire, and Lancashire Fusilier regiments, advanced a mile to the northwards along the ridge of Paschendale, capturing all their objectives under trying and most difficult circumstances, and with great determination and gallantry.

A considerable advance was made in the centre, between the main ridge and Polescapelle; it includes the capture of many fortified farms and concrete redoubts.

We completed, on the left centre, the capture of Polescapelle, and the English, Welsh and Irish regiments and the Guards, on the extreme left of the British attack, have taken all their objectives and have gained the outskirts of the forest at Houthulst, two miles to the north-west of Polescapelle.

The French, on our left flank, crossed the Broodseinde river, which is in flood, and also gained the outskirts of the forest at Houthulst, capturing all their objectives, including several barbed wire and many fortified localities.

Upwards of 1,000 prisoners have already been counted.

Much aerial reconnaissance, and some artillery work was carried out on Monday.

Two enemy machines were driven down and ground targets were machine-gunned. Two of our machines are missing.

THE ALLIES PROGRESSING MAGNIFICENTLY.

LONDON, Oct. 9.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters states:—At dawn, the British and Australians again attacked along the Flanders ridges and pushed back the enemy to a depth, in some places, of about two-thirds of a mile.

The battle extended more to the northward than in the three previous operations, and since September 30th, the French have been taking up the fight on the left.

The weather was about as bad as possible. Yesterday evening it was blowing a gale and raining in torrents, but the clouds broke at midnight and the stars shone. In the small hours it was quite clear, enabling the troops to be brought into their starting positions under more favourable conditions, but the ground was very bad going and extremely difficult and it is hardly likely that the Germans anticipated that we should endeavour to advance under such conditions.

The troops found the Huns holding the front much more heavily than in any of the previous battles of this series, and this suggests a return to their earlier defensive tactics, depending upon man power rather than upon concrete.

The rifle fire was not so heavy as usual, doubtless because the weapons were largely clogged with mud. The bayonet and the bomb were the principal weapons used in the close fighting.

The walking wounded who are returning are bleached and caked to the eyebrows with wet and muck; nevertheless, they are wonderfully cheerful.

Enemy reports, though necessarily scraps and brief, are most satisfactory, and the advance, though slow, owing to the badness of the ground and the poorness of the light, seems to have been general. Here and there, points of strong resistance were encountered, and Daisy Wood was found to be full of German machine-guns. These were dealt with by tactics believed to have been quite successful.

There was stiff fighting near Reutel but it has apparently gone in our favour, and there was a hot struggle in and about Polescapelle Chateau, which was strongly defended by machine-guns.

The news is not definite but it is believed the situation here has been cleared up. Another centre of strong resistance was the brewery, on the eastern outskirts of Polescapelle.

Prisoners are coming in freely and hundreds have already been caged.

The flying men are doing splendidly, chasing the enemy aeroplanes whenever seen. At seven in the morning, one of our formations over the German lines, heavily engaged six Hun machines at a height of 10,000 feet.

At the moment of closing this despatch it is learnt that the Germans are counter-attacking heavily, and the Ypres-Roulers railway, but our people seem quite content with the situation here.

The German retaliatory barrage was not very strong, as a whole, although certain groups of guns were shooting fiercely at local spots.

It is already pretty clear that this will be another day for our arms, and those of our Allies who it is understood, are progressing magnificently, sending back hundreds of prisoners.

THE GERMAN SURPRISE.

A TRULY GREAT DAY.

LONDON, Oct. 10.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters, telegraphing this afternoon, says today's splendid victory is an amazing narrative of endurance and dogged achievement.

The men had to fight their way, floundering and struggling, across a stretch of over 1,200 yards of ground which was a waste of shellholes, often so close together, that there was no foothold between them, being brimful of water and bounded by knee-deep ooze and the whole was incessantly swept by high explosive shells, shrapnel, and machine-gun fire. Yet the men gained practically the whole of the day's objectives, with exceptions so trifling that the clearing up is only a matter of time.

The Germans were surprised, deeming that an attack in such weather and on such a terrain, was impossible. More over the two Divisions which had to bear the brunt of the attack, had only taken over the line at three o'clock in morning and were unfamiliar with their surroundings and disoriented after a long march.

The prisoners include men of the 195th Division which had just arrived from the Russian front. This is the third Division from the East which has been knocked out in five days.

At two o'clock in the afternoon, Adler farm and Polescapelle brewery were taken. Both had given trouble, wire and water causing delay at a spot called Waterfields.

The latest news is that our troops are overcoming the difficulties and have dug themselves in all round Polescapelle Chateau. The only question is, how long will the Boche machine gunners hold out?

Our casualties are reported to be light, and our prisoners run into four figures. The prisoners admit that these repeated hammer-blows are demoralising and disorganising the German army.

The brunt of the fighting was borne by the home battalions.

It has been a truly great day and the plains of Belgium lie more at our feet than at any since the dark days of 1914.

THE FRENCH ATTACK.

BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

LONDON, Oct. 10.

A French communiqué states:—Our attack, which was launched this morning, developed brilliantly.

The troops, after crossing a marshy brook at Broodseinde, carried, with admirable dash, on a front of 2,500 metres, the enemy's defences, despite the difficulties of the ground and bad weather.

We captured the villages of Saint-Jans, Mangelaere and Veldhoek and numerous farms, organised as block houses. The advance, which is of an average depth of two kilometres, has brought us to the southern fringe of Houthulst wood.

The air service, despite the gale, co-operated actively in the attack, machine-gunning from a low altitude, the enemy infantry and maintaining touch with the other arms.

The number of prisoners so far counted is 300, of which twelve are officers.

THE FRENCH ATTACK DESCRIBED.

LONDON, Oct. 9.

Reuter's Special Correspondent with the French in Flanders states:—The French under General Anthoine, attacked at five in the morning in the direction of Mangelaere and the forest at Houthulst, crossing the marshy Steinbeek and determinedly ploughing their way through the rain sodden morass, driving out the Germans as they advanced and reaching the first line of their objectives in a little over two hours.

By eight o'clock they had taken Gambetta farm to the south of Mangelaere and, on the extreme left, the village of Drabank.

Three hundred prisoners, two guns and four machine-guns were captured in the first hour's attack. By eleven o'clock, Mangelaere was captured and passed.

The French are now within 1,000 yards of Houthulst forest, both on the right, where they are advancing in touch with the British, and on the left, where they are advancing along the Corverbeek.

The position of the Germans in the forest must already be most uncomfortable. The forest lies low and after the three days' downpour the dogouts must be flooded.

The British, from the positions they have already held since last night, overlook the rear of the forest and the roads from the east and the French are closing in on the west, while an enormous number of guns are in position to bear on the position.

This vast tangle of trees, wire and dogouts, extending two and three-quarters miles north to south, and three and a half miles east to west is the principal German artillery centre on this front, and already the Boches are alarmed enough to withdraw a proportion of their artillery, especially their heavy guns. However there are still enough batteries in the forest to make a very serious obstacle, and the enemy will doubtless offer a formidable resistance before abandoning a position of such importance and on which he has spent such labour.

To-day's splendid results were obtained in the face of most disheartening conditions. The preparations for the attack were made in three days of atrocious weather in country swimming with water, and the discomfort of the men who had to spend the night before the attack, crisscrossing the wooden shell holes, soaked to the skin and in a bitter wind must have been indescribable. It is hard to think of a landscape so much desolated.

Fortunately, the German artillery resistance was less than could be expected and was obviously ill guided.

In the morning the French aeroplanes did good work, but in the afternoon a persistent rain made observation impossible.

General Anthoine exploited the peculiarities of the ground to the utmost. It is notable that the new German system of *enfilade* in depth, again failed.

U.S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION.

737 VESSELS.

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BILLY SEATON "The Ginger Girl—Miss Seaton will be heard in 'We'll have to pass the apples again', 'She's waiting for you to love her all the time', 'My Coal-Black Rose', 'The usual way', 'They always pick on me' and 'Mississippi'."

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NELLIE BLACK & FERN FRENCH in Songs and Duets.

RAY TRAYNOR in "Variety Interpretations," "Song for the Married Men," and the American patrol.

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HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

TRAINING.

The following courses of training have been approved by the G.O.C.—

Men over 50 years of age—

18 drills per annum (in the cold weather).

Musketry Course as for Transport Workers Battalions.

"D" Company—

12 drills per annum (in the cold weather).

Musketry Course as for Transport Workers Battalions.

Orders for Artillery Company by Capt. J. H. W. Armstrong, Y.D.

Duties for remainder of this month, as per last week's orders, are cancelled.

PARADES.

FRIDAY, 12th instant—

7.30 a.m. Right Half Company (Range Takers' Class and Gun Numbers as detailed at Belchers Battery).

8.30 a.m. Right Half Company (Layers' and Seters' Class only), at Belchers Battery.

8.30 p.m. Left Half Company (Layers' and Seters' Class only), at Belchers Battery.

Orders for Engineers Company by Captain W. Russell.

5.30 to 12th instant.

Nightly F. L. Manning at Belchers and Tycomin as per Rotations posted at Headquarters.

OFFICERS ON DUTY.

Cyrenian, Lieut. Stevenson, O.D.

D.E.L.

Stonecutters, 2nd Lieut. Brown, O.D.

D.E.L.

Belchers, 2nd Lieut. Matthewman.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

PARADES.

"A" COMPANY.

FRIDAY, 12th instant—

5.30 p.m. No. 1 Platoon, Nos. 3 and 4 Sections, at Headquarters. Musketry Instruction. Dress. Drill Order with two small patches.

5.30 p.m. No. 3 Platoon at Headquarters. Musketry Instruction. Dress. Drill Order. Corp. Meade will attend to instruct.

SIGNALLING SECTION.

FRIDAY 12th instant.

5.30 p.m. "A" Class at Happy Valley. Station W.L. Dress. Clean Fatigue.

RECRUITS.

FRIDAY 12th instant—

5.30 p.m. All units, except "B" Company, at Murray Parade Ground under Serjeant's Order. Drill Order and Signals. Drill Order.

"D" COMPANY.

FRIDAY 12th instant—

5.30 p.m. New members (joined since 5.17) at Headquarters. Lecture on Army Instruction by Corp. Edwards.

DETAILS.

On duty 11th instant. "B" Company.

12th do do

13th do do

14th do do

15th do do

16th do do

17th do do

18th do do

19th do do

20th do do

21st do do

22nd do do

23rd do do

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1st do do

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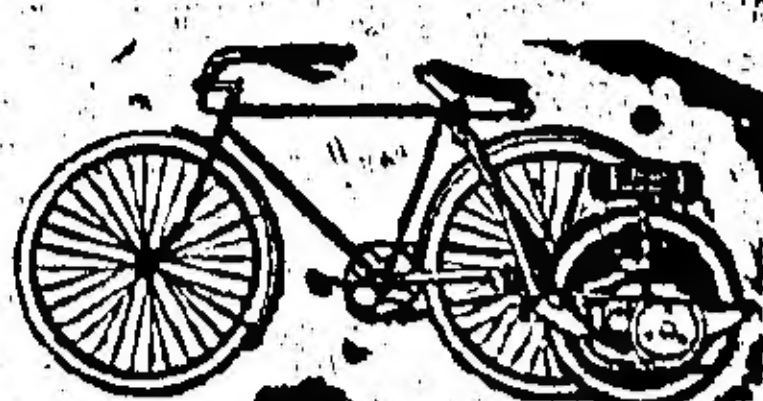
15th do do

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Beef Sirloin—Mei Lung Pa	each 30
"Prime Cut	each 21
"Corned—Ham Ngau Yok	each 20
"Roast—Shiu	each 20
"Boast—Ngaui Nam	each 18
"Sup—Tong Yuk	each 18
"Suck—Ngau Yuk Pa	each 20
"Steak Sirloin—Ngau Lan	each 20
"Sausages—Ngau Cheung	each 26

Bullock's Brains—Ngaui No per set

Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li each 45

To gne, corned—Ham Ngau Li each 60 cents

Head—Ngaui Tau each 80

Heart—Ngau Sam lb. 13

Rump—Salt—Ngau Kin lb. 18

Kidneys—Ngau Kin each 10

Tail—Ngau Mai lb. 12

Liver—Ngau Kon lb. 12

Tripe (undressed), Ngau To lb. 8

Calves' Head and Feet—Ngau Tai-tai-kuk each 81.00

Mutton Chop—Yeung Pei Kwat lb. 26

Leg—Yeung Pei Kwat lb. 26

Shoulder—Yeung Pei Kwat lb. 24

Saddle—Yeung Pei Kwat lb. 16

Pig's Chittlings—Chu Chong each 4

Brains—Chu No per set 14

Feet—Chu Keuk lb. 14

Fry—Chu Chong each 10

Head—Chu Tau each 10

Heart—Chu Sam each 10

Kidneys—Chu Yau each 10

Liver—Chu Kon each 10

Pork Chop—Chu Tai Kwat each 24

Leg—Chu Pei each 28

Loins—Chu Hau Tun each 28

Fat of Lamb—Chu Yau each 21

Sheep's Head and Feet—Yeung Pei Kwat each 60

Heart—Yeung Pei Kwat each 12

Kidneys—Yeung Pei Kwat each 12

Liver—Yeung Pei Kwat each 12

Sucking Pig, border—Chu Tai each 20

Suck, Beef—Shang Ngau Yau each 20

Mutton—Shang Yeung Yau each 20

Veal—Ngau Tai Yau each 20

Sausages—Ngau Tai Cheung each 20

Lard—Chu Yau each 20

Fish.

Barbel—Ka Yau lb. 24

Bream—Pin Yu lb. 18

Canton Fresh Water Fish lb. 18

Hot Sea Yu lb. 18

Carr—Li Yu lb. 22

Codfish—Chik Yu lb. 18

Crabs—Hoi Yu lb. 18

Oatle Fish—Mak Yu lb. 32

Dab—Shi Man Yu lb. 32

Dace—Wong Mei Lap lb. 10

Dog Fish—Tik Toi lb. 10

Eel Conger—Hoi Man lb. 14

Fresh water—Tam Shui Yu lb. 18

Yellow—Wong Sin lb. 34

Frog—Tin Kai lb. 36

Garoupa—Shet Pan lb. 44

Gudgeon—Pak Kap Yu lb. 17

Herring—To Pak lb. 22

Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kap lb. 22

Labrus—Wong Fa Yu lb. 20

Loach—Wu Yu lb. 26

Lobster—Lung Ba lb. 22

Mackerel—Chi Yu lb. 22

Mouk Kish—Hong Yu lb. 24

Mullet—Tat Yu lb. 18

Oyster—Shang Ho lb. 18

Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Yu lb. 14

Pike—Tao Lo lb. 18

Pike—Pa Pau Fong lb. 18

Plaice—Pan Yu lb. 18

Pomfret, Black—Hak Cheung lb. 28

Pomfret, White—Pak Cheung lb. 32

Prawns—Ming Ha lb. 32

Rabbit—Pai Pa Sha lb. 10

Rock Fish—Shet Kung Yu lb. 16

Roach—Chun Yu lb. 14

Salmon—Ma Yu lb. 32

Shark—Shi Yu lb. 8

Snake—Po Yu lb. 8

Poultry.

Chicken—Hoi Tai lb. 30

Capon—Hoi Tai lb. 30

Duck—Large—Hoi Tai lb. 26

Duck—Small—Hoi Tai lb. 24

Goose—Hoi Tai lb. 30

Guinea Fowl—Hoi Tai lb. 24

Hens—Hoi Tai lb. 30

Pheasant—Hoi Tai lb. 30

Pigeon—Hoi Tai lb. 30

Quail—Hoi Tai lb. 30

Turkey—Hoi Tai lb. 30

Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap each 30

Hobow—Hoi Hau Pak Kap each 34

Turkeys, Cook—Fo Kai Kung lb. 60

Turkeys, Hen—Fo Kai Na lb. 50

Soyak—Sha Tau each 22

Pheasant—Shan Kai each 22

Quail—Om Chun each 22

Partridge—Che Ku each 22

Fruits.

Almonds—Hing Yan lb. 55

Apples, (California)—Kam Shan lb. 18

Bananas, (British)—Macao—San Hing China lb. 18

Carambola—Yeung To lb. 11

Coconuts—Yi Tai each 10

Lemons, China—Ling Mung lb. 8

Lemons, America—Kam Shan lb. 7

Lichees, Dried, (small stone)—Lai Chi Koo lb. 28

Oranges, (Canton), (Sweet)—Shan-sheng Tin Chang lb. 10

Oranges, (Canton), (Sour)—Shan-sheng Tin Chang lb. 10

Peanuts—Fa Shang lb. 12

Peanuts, Large—Hong Tai lb. 12

Plantain—Tai Chi lb. 02

Pumpkin, Siam—Twin Lo Yau each 11

Walnuts—Hop To lb. 14

Grapes—Po Tai Tai lb. 28

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes—Ah Chi Cheuk each 4

Beans, French—Ngaui Tau lb. 4

Long—Tao Kok lb. 9

Beet Root—Hung Tai Tau lb. 9

Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa lb. 7

Brussels, Green—Ching Yau Kwa lb. 5

Red—Hung Kwa lb. 5

Cabbage Chinese, (common)—Kai Tai lb. 8

Shanghai—Ye Tai lb. 16

Cane Shoots, bunch—Kam Shan lb. 16

Cauliflower (Large)—Ye Tai Fa each 16

(Medium)—Ye Tai Fa each 16

(Small)—Ye Tai Fa each 16

Carrots—Kam Shan lb. 8

Celery, Chinese—Tong Kan Tai lb. 9

Chilies, Dried—Kam Tai Chi lb. 25

Red—Hung Fa Chi lb. 12

Green—Ching Lai Chi lb. 6

Curry Stuff, English—Kai Li Chi lb. 10

Cucumbers—Ching Kwa lb. 8

Garlic—Sun Tai lb. 8

Ginger, young—Sun Tai Kung lb. 8

Ginger, old—Lo Kung lb. 10

Horseradish, Shanghai—Lik Kan lb. 45

Indian Corn—Shuk Mai lb. 06

Lettuce—Yeung Shung Tai lb. 1

Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai lb. 5

Mandarin—Kwai lb. 8

Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Tin Kuo lb. 36

Okra—Hoi Yu lb. 10

Onions, Bombay—Yeung Cheung Tai lb. 8

Onions, Green—Shang Cheung Tai lb. 8

Onions, Shanghai—Shang Cheung Tai lb. 8

Parsley—Kam Tai lb. 12

Potato, Sweet—Yau Tai lb. 3

Japanese—Yat Fun Shui Tai lb. 3

Pumpkin—Tung Kwa lb. 3

Radish—Hing Lo Pak Tai lb. 6

Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong lb. 6

Shallots—Kong Cheung Tai lb. 7

Spinach—Yin Tai lb. 8

Tomatoes—Fai Kwa lb. 8

Turnips—Wu Tai lb. 4

Turnips, Pink (Long)—Lo Pak lb. 4

Vegetable Marrow—Yat Kwa lb. 5

Water Cress—Sai Yeung Tai lb. 15

Lily root—Lai Ngau lb. 5

Yams—Tai Shu lb. 6

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the Hydrographic Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1874-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 feet 4 inches; and on the gauge at Lamong Dock, Aberdeen, add 4 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

October 12th to 18th, 1917.

High Water

Low Water

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